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As a means of complying with duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants list the following references (copies of the listed patents and papers enclosed).

Foreign Patent Documents				
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	DE 43 12 147 A1	4/14/1993	Germany	

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Those references that are believed to be most pertinent are discussed in the specification of the above-identified application. The additional listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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